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Title: The Minister of Science and Technology and Minister of Earth Sciences laid a statement regarding status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 240th Report of the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2013-14), pertaining to the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology.

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): I am laying this Statement on the status of implementation by the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology on the recommendations in the Two Hundred Fortieth (240th) Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC) on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests regarding Demands for Grants (2013-2014) in pursuance of Direction 73A of the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha.

The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests laid their Two Hundred Fortieth (240th) Report on 8th May, 2013 in the Lok Sabha. The present status of implementation is detailed in the appended Annexure which may be allowed to be laid on the Table of the House.

...(Interruptions)